

Philippians 3:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example.

Philippians 3:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ.

Philippians 3:19 (NLT)

¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.

Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior.

Philippians 3:21 (NLT)

²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like His own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

**Waiting EAGERLY for
our Savior**

Philippians 3:17-21

Stand firm against **self-righteous LEGALISTS**

Stand firm against **self-centered LIBERTINES**

1- **Pattern** your life after **ME**

¹⁷ ...**pattern** your lives after **MINE**, and
learn from **THOSE** who follow our example.

Paul had received **God's Mercy** that he might become a **PATTERN** for others. His life after his conversion was dedicated to **SHOWING** others **HOW** a Christian should live. MacDonald

Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)

Remember your leaders, who spoke the **Word of God** to you. **Consider the outcome** of their way of life and **imitate their faith**.

2- Weep over those who are **LOST**

¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again **even with tears**, many live as **enemies of the cross of Christ**.

3- Enemies of the Cross –

(Professors NOT Possessors)

¹⁸ ...there are many whose **conduct shows**
they are really **enemies of the cross of Christ.**

¹⁹ They are **headed for destruction.**
Their god is their appetite, **they brag about shameful things**, and they think only about this life here on earth.

18 ...there are many whose **CONDUCT**
shows they are **really enemies**
of the **CROSS of Christ.** (NLT)

ENEMIES of the CROSS

DESTINY is Destruction

APPETITES are their god

PROUD of Shameful Lifestyle

FOCUSED on here and Now

CITIZENS of Heaven

We **BELONG** to Jesus

We wait **EAGERLY** for His **Coming**

We **LONG** to be **TRANSFORMED**

He **WILL** Reign in **POWER**

Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT)

...you who were once **FAR AWAY** from God.
You were **His ENEMIES, SEPARATED** from Him
by your evil thoughts and actions. ²² Yet now
He has reconciled you to Himself through
the death of Christ...

Titus 3:3-7 (NLT)

³ Once **WE, TOO**, were foolish and disobedient. We were misled and became **slaves to many lusts and pleasures**. Our lives were **full of evil and envy**, and **we hated each other**.

⁴ **BUT** when **God our Savior** revealed His kindness and love, ⁵ **He SAVED us**, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of **His MERCY...**

⁵...He washed away our sins, **giving us a new birth and new life through** the Holy Spirit.

⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us **through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

⁷ Because of His **GRACE**
He **DECLARED** us **RIGHTEOUS**
and gave us **Confidence** that we
WILL inherit **Eternal Life.**